

Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Memorandum) FCC 10-106

Opinion and Order on Reconsideration)

Review of the Commission's Part 95 Personal) WT Docket No. 10-119

Radio Services Rules

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING AND MEMORANDUM OPINION AND
ORDER ON
RECONSIDERATION

My name is Nicholas R Lerro and I am a member of the GMRS Repeater Group. I am a current GMRS licensee and active GMRS user with my family and friends of the community. In addition I serve as a Amateur Radio operator. At this moment i am buying a GMRS repeater and putting out around \$2000.00 out my own money to help serve my community.

i have much more then that in hand held walkie talkies and mobile units and not to mention all the money for the software and cables to program these units also all the coax cables and making up jumpers the list goes on. So as you can lots of money has gone into this effort and putting more of my own to set up a repeater system.

The GMRS Repeater Group was formed to provide an outlet to alternative sources of communications to our members's families, free of charge, and to foster cooperation and sharing of repeater resources. It was the result of many years of hard work and perseverance, as well as out-of-pocket expense.

I believe that GMRS radios should continue to be measured in Transmitter Power Output (TPO) and not Effective Radiated Power (ERP). I feel and suggest that all radios in Part 95 be measured in TPO, as we believe it would be easier for both users and manufacturers to stay within power limits as prescribed.

I vehemently oppose any voice scrambling, coding, or other voice-obscuring technology in GMRS and agree with the Commission.

I vehemently oppose totally removing the licensing requirement for GMRS stations. It is my opinion that, in most cases, people who are licensed are more responsible with their stations due to the fact that their actions are accountable, traceable, and licensing shows a good-faith effort in following the rule of law.

All mobile radios, portable
licensed people.

Station identification rules should be kept for all licensed operations, specifically with mobile radios and repeater systems.

It is my opinion that persons of any age, if United States citizens, should be able to obtain a GMRS License. I disagree, however, with allowing businesses to be eligible for GMRS frequencies. There

has

been a significant amount of spectrum set aside for business operations. I disagree with business usage of the Family Radio Service, for the same reason aforementioned.

I understand the Commissions attempt to streamline the Personal Radio Services, but I am afraid that some of the proposals in the process will destroy the GMRS, which I believe to be the jewel of the Personal Radio Services. I am deeply offended that the Commission would even cite the term

“other

commercially available options”, as prevailing thought is that the Commission is in the pockets of business and not working honestly for the citizens. It should not even be a suggestion that a person should have to rely on a commercial communications network to communicate, if that person could have the means of communication beyond a .5 watt, inefficient, foreign- mass-produced toy radio. Not everyone wants to rely on cell phones for their sole communications resource, nor should a person have to. Time and time again, disasters and emergencies have struck that rendered cellular systems out of service either by damage or user overloading. A working GMRS repeater system, for instance, often times provide an alternative method of communication in both emergency and everyday use.

We

feel that by removing the repeaters and higher-powered radios from GMRS is not only a disservice to citizens, but another usurpation of liberty from the citizens by the government.

Furthermore, by removing licensing and repeaters from the GMRS, the FCC decision will result in the losses of millions of dollars nationwide to current repeater owners and GMRS system users. These losses will manifest in the inability to sell radio equipment; costs incurred in the removal of antenna, coaxial cables, radios, and facilities from antenna sites; the losses and/or uselessness of current GMRS

systems in many homes. Notwithstanding the man hours invested in securing, building, and maintaining the sites many of these systems are at. Some repeater systems, similar to quite a few used in the Lakes Area GMRS Repeater Group, are worth millions in equipment, infrastructure, investment, and upkeep. Removing repeaters from GMRS will simply cost GMRS repeater owners a lot

of money, much of which will never be reclaimed.

The GMRS is alive and well in the United States and there are quite a few of us out here working together to build solid systems to use at no cost to the average licensee. I understand the FCC is looking to make the service better available and accessible to everyone, which is its job. However, even if GMRS licensees and repeater owners/users are the minority of all traffic, we feel it is in the best interest of the FCC to make provisions to protect the minority. There are thousands of us out here, and we’ve been working well with the unlicensed users that the FCC itself is responsible for.

SO PLEASE LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE

Best Regards,

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